SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : No woman constable has been appointed. What are the reasons for it?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The note says that they do not answer to the physical requirements prescribed.

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that women of the height prescribed are not available in the State? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : But we have to prescribe the conditions not according to availability but according to requirements.

Secretariat

* 177 *Q.*—SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of temporary candidates (i) men and (ii) women working in the Secretariat as on 1st June 1962; and

(*b*) the reasons for not appointing candidates selected by the Madras Public Service Commission in these vacancies?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) The number of temporary candidates working in the Secretariat as on 1st June 1962 is (i) Men 110 and (ii) Women 67.

(*b*) The temporary candidates could not be replaced due to the non-availability of candidates selected by the Madras Public Service Commission.

SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : How are these temporary candidates recruited? Is it through the Employment Exchange or through any other recognised method?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I suppose the heads of departments do it.

* 178 *Q.*—SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

3-10 p.m. (*a*) the area occupied by the Secretariat buildings; and

(*b*) the number of persons employed in these buildings?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) The total ground area occupied by Secretariat Buildings is 174,200 sq. feet or 4 acres.

(*b*) The number of persons employed in these buildings is 2,490.

SRI L. S. KARAYALAR : Since there are a large number of people in this small area, will the Government consider enlarging the Secretariat or at least take away the Assembly and Council halls to the parade ground behind?